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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (RUBIN SY)
SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMERICAN PRIVATE CITIZEN TO BRASILIA

REF: STATE 309641

1. I DO KNOW SY RUBIN WELL. I AM SKEPITACAL THAT GOLBERY OR ANYONE ELSE IN THE GOB WILL CONSIDER HIS PURPOSE OR HIS IDEAS TOTALLY PRIVATE ONES. BECAUSE OF SY'S BACKGROUND AND HIS EARLIER POSITONS, THE TENDENCY WILL BE, I BELIEVE, TO LOOK UPON HIM AS AN EMISSARY OF THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION.

2. I DO NOT KNOW, OF COURSE, WHAT PRIVATE GROUP, IF ANY, SY REPRESENTS, WHAT HE IS GING TO RPOPOSE, OR HOW UP-TO-DATE HE IS ABOUT GOB ATTITUDES ON THE NUCLEAR QUESTION OR GOB REACTIONS TO CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. THERE FORE, I AM INCAPABLE OF JUDGING WHETHER HIS VISIT WILL BE CONSTRUCTIVE OR DESTRUCTIVE IN TERMS OF WHAT UNDERSTAND TO BE OUR OBJECTIVES IN THE NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORT. TOTALLY IGNORANT AS IA AM ABOUT SY'S PROPOSEALS, I NONETHE-LESS VENTURE THE OBSERVATION THAT THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO "GO SOFT" ON THE BASIC POSITION. ONLY TODAY, THE ESTADO
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DO SAO PAULO, IN A MAJOR EDITORIAL PROPTED BY THE DUTCH DECISION NOT TO APPROVE THE PROVISION OF FUEL BY URENCO TO ANGRA 2 AND 3, STATED THAT THE GOB WAS NOW FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE DILEMMA OF OBTAINING POWER REACTORS AT THE COST OF ABANDONING ITS INTENTION OF GETTING A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY OR OF MAINTAINING THAT

INTENTION AND BEING FORCED TO DEVELOP AN INDEPENDENT
NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEM.

3. I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT PROTECTING THE SECRECY
OF THE VISIT AND I WILL, OF COURSE, RESPECT THEM
FAITHFULLY. I WILL CERTAINLY MAKE NO RPT NO EFFORT TO GET
IN TOUCH WITH SY, LEAVING THAT QUESTION ENTIRLY TO HIM.
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